

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

What is claimed:

1. (Currently amended) A method of ~~The use of a protolamellar aqueous surfactant to suspending~~ solid particles, comprising: -

(a) providing a protolamellar aqueous surfactant; and
(b) dispersing the solid particles in the protolamellar aqueous surfactant to suspend the solid particles.

2. (Currently amended) The method ~~The use~~ according to claim 1 wherein the solid particles ~~comprise of a protolamellar aqueous surfactant to suspend~~ pearliser.

3. (Currently amended) A composition comprising an aqueous surfactant in a protolamellar aqueous ~~surfactant~~ phase; and suspended particles of pearliser.

4. (Currently amended) A composition comprising water, from 17 to 30% by weight of alkali metal, ammonium or C₁₋₆ amine salt of a C₁₀₋₁₈ 1 to 10 mole ethoxy sulphate, sufficient electrolyte to form with said sulphate and water an optically isotropic protolamellar phase which exhibits optically anisotropic properties and lamellar symmetry when subject to shear, from 15 to 60% by weight of particles of ethylene glycol mono and/or distearate having a particle ~~site~~ size of from 6 to 60 microns suspended in said composition.

5. (Currently amended) A composition comprising water, from 19 to 28% by weight of sodium C₁₂₋₁₄ alkyl 1 to 5 mole ethoxy sulphate in a protolamellar phase, from 18 to 28% by weight of pearliser consisting at least predominantly of ethylene glycol distearate, optionally in admixture with a minor proportion of ethylene glycol monostearate and having a particle size of from 10 to 50 microns and from 2 to 5% by weight of sodium chloride.

6. (Previously presented) A method of making a composition as claimed in claim 3 which comprises forming an emulsion of ethylene glycol distearate, optionally in admixture with a minor

proportion of ethylene glycol monostearate, at a temperature above its melting point, in a solution of from 18 to 28% by weight of a sodium C₁₀₋₁₈ alkyl 1 to 10 mole ethoxy sulphate and from 2 to 5% by weight of sodium chloride and cooling said emulsion.